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December 13, 2016

Councilor Matt O'Malley
Boston City Council
One City Hall Square
Suite S50
Boston MA 02201

Re: Proposed Plastic Bag Ordinance – Unintended consequences

Dear Councilor O'Malley –

I have major concerns regarding the proposed plastic bag ban and fee on paper bags. As the ordinance is written under the definition section 17-19.2 the term Check out bag is defined as any bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale.

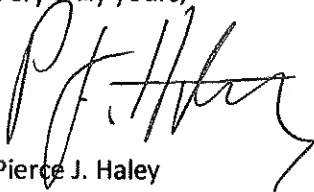
This definition impacts every quick service restaurant, donut shop and deli. By the plain reading of the definition anytime you step into a shop to get a sandwich you will be subjected to a 5 cent fee for the bag you take your donut or breakfast or lunch sandwich out in. There is no exemption for these types of bags and I do not believe that you meant to include these in your ordinance.

The bags I am referencing are 5 inches by 9 ½ inches.

As you continue to review the proposal please take into consideration all of the patrons this will impact.

Thank you. Please call me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Pierce J. Haley

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